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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

TAJIMA ET AL.

Examiner

Jeffrey R. Swearingen

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Period for Reply -- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 December 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 and 22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 and 22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-8508)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This case has been reassigned to a new examiner.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-22 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. The claims are generally narrative and indefinite, failing to conform with current U.S. practice.

They appear to be a literal translation into English from a foreign document and are replete with grammatical and idiomatic errors.

5. Applicant should revise claims 1-20 and 22 and place them into proper idiomatic English. One of ordinary skill in the art best interprets the currently claimed invention as a network monitoring and alarm system.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

7. Claims 1-20 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Porras et al. (US 6,704,874).
8. In regard to claim 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, 16, Porras disclosed:

an instruction selection screen for displaying a list of available instructions for a non-authenticated user and for displaying a list of executable instructions for an authenticated user, wherein the list of

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available instructions includes non-executable instructions for the non-authenticated user; column 5, lines 3-10

a storing unit in which are stored (a) instruction data in which are described at least a location of processing document data and a content of plural service processes to be executed on the document data and (b) a correspondence relation between the instruction data that is to be processed when a specific event occurs and the specific event, wherein the instruction data includes at least one of copying, printing, scanning, sending facsimiles, receiving facsimiles and image processing; column 5, line 63 – column 6, line 32

an identifying unit that identifies, when notification that the specific event has occurred is given by at least one of plural service processing apparatuses each connected to a network, instruction data corresponding to the specific event based on the notification that has occurred on the basis of the correspondence relation; column 6, lines 38-57

an interpreting unit that interprets the instruction data identified by the identifying unit; and column 6, lines 19-32

a cooperative processing unit that makes the plural service processing apparatuses cooperatively execute the plural service processes on the document data on the basis of the interpretation of the instruction data of the interpreting unit. Column 6, lines 19-32

As best interpreted by one of ordinary skill in the art, Applicant is claiming a network monitoring system that allows a user to set a series of alerts. The system would then monitor those alerts and report back on events in the form of an event report or event log.

9. In regard to claim 2, 5, 8, 11, 14, 17, Porras disclosed:

a setting unit that sets the instruction data and content of the specific event serving as a processing timing of the instruction data; and column 6, lines 50-54

a generating unit that generates, on the basis of the content of the specific event set by the setting unit, the correspondence relation and instruction data for executing the plural service processes on the document data, and stores the correspondence relation and the instruction data in the storing unit. Column 6, lines 28-32; column 6, lines 58-67; column 8, lines 37-67

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10. In regard to claim 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, Porras disclosed:

an authenticating unit that authenticates a creator of the instruction data, wherein the generating unit associates information of the creator of the instruction data with the instruction data and stores the information of the creator and the instruction data in the storing unit. Column 4, lines 46-51

11. In regard to claim 19, Porras disclosed:

the specific event is reception of document data from outside. Column 6, lines 45-47

12. In regard to claim 20, Porras disclosed:

arrival of a predetermined time. Column 6, line 56

13. In regard to claim 22, Porras disclosed:

the instruction data includes XML data. column 4, line 3

Conclusion

14. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeffrey R. Swearingen whose telephone number is (571)272-3921. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jason Cardone can be reached on 571-272-3933. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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